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NASA SETS AGENCY RECORD FOR AWARDING CONTRACTS

NASA has been very successful in incorporating women-owned small businesses into contracting efforts. The agency continues to annually increase awards to women-owned small businesses.

"NASA has nearly quadrupled its total contract dollars to women-owned business from \$219 million in FY 1992 to \$743 million in FY 2002," said Ralph C. Thomas, III, Assistant Administrator for NASA's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU).

The OSDBU recently issued a publication highlighting examples of the many outstanding women-owned businesses that have contributed to the space program. The publication is entitled "Women Contractors at NASA: Selected Profiles of Women-Owned Small Businesses." It is a collection of profiles illustrating the diverse and important work performed by women-owned contractors as well as the outstanding women leading the companies.

For more information about OSDBU and to view "Women Contractors at NASA" on the Internet, visit:

<http://www.osdbu.nasa.gov>

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